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APPLICANT : GASTON and STAMLER CONF. NO. : 6783
SERIAL NO. : 10/772,374 EXAMINER : Raymond J. Henley, III
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FOR : THERAPEUTIC USE OF AEROSOLIZED NITROSYLATING AGENT IN
CYSTIC FIBROSIS

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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STATEMENT RATIFYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2004

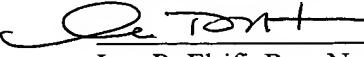
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2004, Applicants hereby ratify the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 6, 2004 by Bacon & Thomas, PLLC, former Attorney of Record. The Preliminary Amendment was unsigned as mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants, as represented by new Attorney of Record, acknowledge the Preliminary Amendment filed by Bacon & Thomas. Applicants are in agreement with the Preliminary Amendment as filed, except the "Amendments to the Specification" on page 5 of the Preliminary Amendment. These aspects have been corrected in the Amendment presented herewith.

If there are any questions regarding this ratification, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. Applicants believe no fee is due at this time; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference Number: 28195-503 CON (Customer Number: 35437).

Respectfully submitted,

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